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ABSTRACT

The home router 4-1 of the CPU 41 controls the entire apparatus in accordance with the program stored in the memory 50. The video interface 43 receives an NTSC signal from the DVCR 7-1, synthesizes the signal with the GUI generated by the CPU 41, and outputs the synthesized data to the DVCR 7-1. The ATM interface 45 transmits IP data to the first network. The server 2 generates a subject for updating the object registered in the database 3 and also generates an event for acquiring the subject. The server 2 receives information items requesting for the subject, from the receiving terminal 5. On the basis of the information items, the server 2 allocates resources required for providing the subject and transmits the event, thereby providing the subject. The receiving terminal 5 receives the event, evaluates the necessity of the subject on the basis of the event, and transmits the data to the server 2 in accordance with the evaluation. The receiving terminal 5 acquires the subject that the server 2 provides in accordance with the data.